

Support the Lyme Disease Research Stamp Act

- This bill would establish a United States Postal Service semipostal stamp to raise money for Lyme disease and related tick-borne illness research
- The stamp would operate as USPS first-class postage, which postal patrons may voluntarily purchase at a price slightly higher than regular postage to support this cause
- Revenue raised would directly benefit critical Lyme disease and related tick-borne illness research at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- This market-driven initiative comes at **no cost to the taxpayers**

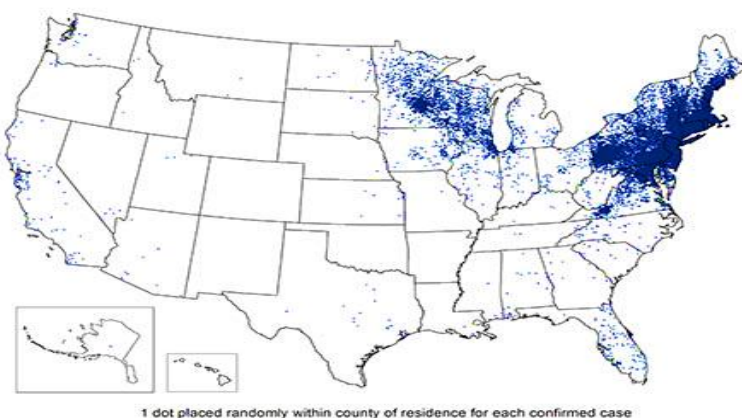
Why Lyme Disease?

- Lyme disease is an **epidemic**: more than 300,000 new cases of Lyme diagnosed annually
- Lyme disease is **growing rapidly**: it is found in half of all U.S. counties and on four continents
- Lyme disease **endangers our communities**: it is transmitted by tick bites
 - Symptoms may begin as flu-like but can affect the nervous system, leading to paralysis, encephalitis, seizures, and death if left untreated
- Lyme disease has **no known cure and is difficult to diagnose**: action must be taken to better prevent and combat this disease

Why NIAID?

The NIAID Lyme Disease Research Program is tasked with developing ways to diagnose, treat, and prevent Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses. NIAID takes a comprehensive, systematic approach to advancing vital Lyme disease research. Extra revenue from the Lyme Disease Research Stamp would significantly enhance NIAID's longstanding research portfolio.

Reported Cases of Lyme Disease -- United States, 2015



*There is no silver bullet to combat this devastating disease, but better public education and more **federal research** can lead to significant advancements.*

The Lyme Disease Research Stamp presents a market-based opportunity to tackle the Lyme epidemic.

<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/lyme-disease>